

DETAILED ACTION

1. In amendment after final dated 9/4/2007, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 5, 10, 22 and 29, amended claim 21 and added claim 30. Claims 21, 23, 25-27 and 30 are now pending in this application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Nicholas J. Tuccillo on 9/21/2007.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

4. In line 1 of claim 23:

Change from:

The compensation system for a firearm according to claim 22,

To:

The compensation system for a firearm according to claim 2221,

5. In lines 14-16 of claim 30:

Change from:

Wherein said shroud includes a gas aperture which is aligned with said gas discharge port when said compensator assembly is attached adjacent said muzzle end of said barrel.

To:

Wherein said shroud includes a gas aperture which is aligned and in fluid communication with said gas discharge port when said compensator assembly is attached adjacent said muzzle end of said barrel.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 21, 23, 25-27 and 30 are allowed.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In regards to claims 21, 25 and 30 please see Final office action dated 6/4/2007.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin P. Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-

8968. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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